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1. WITH ENDING OF STUDENT BOYCOTTS AT BUCA ADVANCED ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL (APRIL 22), BUCA ON LISAN ENGINEERING SCHOOL (APRIL 26) AND AEGEAN UNIVERSITY SCIENCES FACULTY (APRIL 26), ALL AEGEAN UNIVERSITY FACULTIES AND ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS ARE NOW HOLDING CLASSES.

A. ATTENDANCE AT AFOREMENTIONED SCHOOLS AND AT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY WELL BELOW NORMAL BECAUSE OF

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OCCASIONAL SMALL-SCALE CLASHES AND PARENTAL AND STUDENT FEARS CONCERNING FURTHER DISORDERS. LARGE DETACHMENTS OF POLICE REMAIN POSTED AT ECON AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES FACULTY, AND JANDARMA POSTED IN VICINITY OF SCIENCES FACULTY. WHILE ATTENDANCE AT THESE SCHOOLS GRADUALLY CLIMBING TOWARD NORMAL, LEFTIST ACTIVISTS CONTINUE TO AGITATE FOR RETURN TO BOYCOTTS AND FURTHER DISORDERS LIKELY, EVEN IF BOYCOTTING NOT RESUMED.

B. SINCE APRIL 14 FIGHT AT ECON AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY (REF A), ANOTHER RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT CLASH TOOK PLACE
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THERE APRIL 19 REPORTEDLY INVOLVING 5 INJURIES REQUIRING

MEDICAL TREATMENT AND 15 POLICE APPREHENSIONS, AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SMALL NAME-CALLING, FIST FIGHT TYPE ENCOUNTERS. ON FIRST DAY OF RESUMED CLASSES AT SCIENCE FACULTY APRIL 26 JANDARMA BROKE UP RIGHT-LEFT STUDENT ENGAGEMENT WITH NO INJURIES. ON APRIL 28 SOME 30 STUDENTS FOUGHT OFF-CAMPUS OVER EFFORTS OF ONE (UNIDENTIFIED) FACTION TO POST POLITICAL PLACARDS; FOUR STUDENTS REPORTEDLY INJURED AND 6 TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY.

2. IZMIR POLICE CONTINUE FOLLOW LEADS RESULTING FROM APRIL 15 ARRESTS OF RADICALS WHO HAD ROBBED KARSIYAKA BANK (REF B). ON

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APRIL 23 POLICE APPREHENDED TWO MORE ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP IN HIGHLY PUBLICIZED RAID.

A. ACCORDING TO APRIL 27 FORMALLY ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT BY DEPUTY CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OF IZMIR STATE SECURITY COURT, TOTAL OF 19 PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS OF THAT DATE AS OUTGROWTH OF BANK ROBBERY INVESTIGATION, OF WHOM 6 RELEASED, 8 ARRESTED AND 5 BEING DETAINED. INVESTIGATION TO THAT DATE INDICATED AT LEAST 4 OF 19 CONNECTED WITH T.H.K.P. "FRONT ORGANIZATION" (TURKIYE HALK KURTULUS PARTISI -- TURKISH PEOPLE'S LIBERATION PARTY) AND 9 WITH T.I.K.K.O. (TURKIYE ISCI KOYLU KURTULUS ORDUSU -- TURKISH WORKER PEASANT LIBERATION ARMY). ISSUANCE OF SUCH EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC STATEMENT PRECIPITATED BY APRIL 26 ANNOUNCEMENT ATTRIBUTED BY TRT AND PRESS TO IZMIR ACTING POLICE CHIEF YALCIN THAT 64 PERSONS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AS CONNECTED WITH THIS "ANARCHISTS" GROUP.

B. ACCORDING PRESS, POLICE CONDUCTED TWO FURTHER RAIDS APRIL 28, APPREHENDING 5 MORE PERSONS SUSPECTED AS BEING PART OF THKP/ TIKKO ORGANIZATION.

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